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# Trends in Aid to the Blind in 1944

*Year marked by a continuous decline in case loads.*—As in old-age assistance, case loads of persons receiving assistance to the blind continued to decline in 1944. For the first time since the downward trend began, however, monthly reductions in the number of blind persons aided were uninterrupted for the year, although the rate slackened in the last few months. The 72,000 blind beneficiaries at the close of 1944 represented a drop of almost 9 percent from the peak in September 1942 and of more than 4 percent from the number in December 1943. In the 46 States with approved plans under the Social Security Act, the reduction from December 1943 amounted to 5 percent.

*Applications fewer by 11 percent in 1944.*—Only 9,700 blind persons applied for aid in 44 States[1] with approved plans in 1944 as compared with 11,000 during the preceding year, a reduction of 11 percent. State programs of vocational rehabilitation for handicapped persons in employable ages, which have been expanded through the stimulus of Federal grants under Public Law 113, may have contributed to this decline. The relative ease with which individuals with physical defects can find employment in a tight labor market is also partly responsible. Undoubtedly the most important single factor in keeping blind persons off the assistance rolls was the increased ability of families to support their handicapped relatives. In some States where old-age assistance payments are relatively high, recipients who are both aged and blind are encouraged or permitted to apply for this type of aid. Two States attribute their substantial reductions in number of applications both to increased efforts through rehabilitation programs to place blind persons in employment and to the higher payments permitted for old-age assistance which have made that program more attractive to aged blind persons.

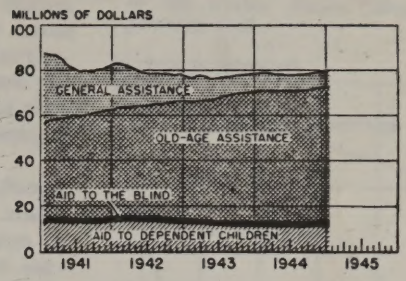
*Case closings also fewer in 1944.*—About 8,900 recipients of aid to the blind under State-Federal programs[2] left the rolls during the year, or about 15 percent fewer than in the preceding year. In 1944, closings were about 800 less than applications, as against 400 in 1943. This circumstance, together with a relatively small but uniform decline in case loads during the latter months of 1944, would suggest that the loads for assistance to the blind for the country as a whole are attaining a fairly stable level under wartime conditions.

*A majority of States had a net reduction in recipients.*—Although trends in case loads for individual States varied somewhat, 33 of the 46 States with approved plans had fewer recipients in December 1944 than a year previously. Of these, only 4 States—California, Iowa, Maine, and Nebraska—showed consistent declines during the year. On the other hand, more adequate funds in many States permitted the extension of aid to numbers of additional blind individuals with few or no other resources, with the result that case loads increased.

*Average payments were higher in most States.*—A total of $25,357,000 was spent for assistance to persons aided under all blind programs during the year. This is an increase of about 1 percent over the amount expended in 1943, despite the drop of more than 4 percent in total case loads.

Efforts of States to give greater recognition to recipients' needs are reflected in changes between the average payments made in December 1944

Chart 1.—*Public assistance in the United States, January 1941–January 1945*




[1] See footnote 1.

Table 2.—*Public assistance in the United States, by month, January 1944–January 1945*[1]

| Year and month | Total | Special types of public assistance | | | | General assistance |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Old-age assistance | Aid to dependent children | | Aid to the blind | |
| | | | Families | Children | | |
| | Number of recipients | | | | | |
| 1944 | | | | | | |
| January | ---------- | 2,136,648 | 269,678 | 671,925 | 73,649 | 288,000 |
| February | ---------- | 2,122,972 | 267,747 | 667,527 | 73,399 | 284,900 |
| March | ---------- | 2,113,487 | 265,926 | 663,606 | 73,278 | 281,000 |
| April | ---------- | 2,104,471 | 264,074 | 659,776 | 73,101 | 273,000 |
| May | ---------- | 2,095,855 | 262,582 | 656,315 | 72,877 | 266,000 |
| June | ---------- | 2,086,943 | 260,224 | 651,432 | 72,817 | 258,000 |
| July | ---------- | 2,080,883 | 255,945 | 641,350 | 72,768 | 255,000 |
| August | ---------- | 2,075,371 | 253,238 | 636,651 | 72,640 | 254,000 |
| September | ---------- | 2,070,432 | 252,363 | 635,174 | 72,553 | 254,000 |
| October | ---------- | 2,069,203 | 251,469 | 633,405 | 72,465 | 254,000 |
| November | ---------- | 2,067,648 | 251,653 | 633,778 | 72,377 | 255,000 |
| December | ---------- | 2,065,891 | 253,681 | 638,882 | 72,301 | 258,000 |
| 1945 | | | | | | |
| January | ---------- | 2,059,201 | 254,728 | 642,116 | 72,145 | 260,000 |
| | Amount of assistance | | | | | |
| 1944 | | | | | | |
| January | $78,499,522 | $57,301,951 | $11,257,921 | | $2,060,650 | $7,879,000 |
| February | 78,571,286 | 57,311,454 | 11,322,694 | | 2,067,138 | 7,870,000 |
| March | 78,629,166 | 57,307,061 | 11,334,492 | | 2,069,613 | 7,918,000 |
| April[2] | 79,591,211 | 57,500,605 | 11,822,466 | | 2,080,140 | 8,188,000 |
| May | 78,163,977 | 57,474,170 | 11,257,101 | | 2,086,706 | 7,346,000 |
| June | 77,997,234 | 57,493,529 | 11,223,235 | | 2,091,470 | 7,189,000 |
| July | 77,853,223 | 57,651,634 | 11,136,863 | | 2,101,726 | 6,963,000 |
| August | 78,040,093 | 57,852,949 | 10,978,659 | | 2,107,485 | 7,101,000 |
| September | 78,074,438 | 57,895,855 | 11,067,866 | | 2,108,717 | 7,002,000 |
| October | 78,736,323 | 58,188,918 | 11,198,912 | | 2,112,493 | 7,236,000 |
| November | 79,211,700 | 58,502,094 | 11,306,971 | | 2,117,635 | 7,285,000 |
| December | 79,830,755 | 58,721,758 | 11,560,642 | | 2,119,355 | 7,429,000 |
| 1945 | | | | | | |
| January | 79,974,647 | 58,736,811 | 11,635,258 | | 2,120,578 | 7,482,000 |

[1] Beginning with March 1945 *Bulletin*, data cover 51 jurisdictions; for monthly data prior to 1944 for continental United States, see the *Bulletin*, February 1944, p. 27. Excludes programs administered without Federal participation in States administering such programs concurrently with programs under the Social Security Act.

[2] Includes estimated increase in payments due to change in payment dates for old-age assistance and aid to the blind in Baltimore, Md.; for aid to dependent children and general assistance in Baltimore, Md., and New York City.

[1] Illinois and Kentucky are omitted in this comparison, since the Kentucky program came under the act at the end of 1942, and the Illinois program, during 1943.

and those of a year earlier. Only 4 States with approved plans made smaller payments. The largest decline, almost 10 percent, occurred in New Mexico, where the State maximum was reduced from $60 to $40. Average payments made in the other 42 States rose as follows:

| Percentage increase | Number of States |
|---|---|
| Less than 5 | 10 |
| 5–10 | 12 |
| 10–15 | 12 |
| 15–20 | 6 |
| 20 and over | 2 |

The 2 States with the largest percentage changes in average payments were Mississippi and Florida, with increases of 50 and 62 percent, respectively.

During the year, maximums were removed on payments in the District of Columbia, New Jersey, North Dakota, and Rhode Island. Arizona increased its highest permissible payment from $40 to $50, while a new legislative maximum of $40 went into effect in Virginia. Under New Hampshire's new maximum of $40, any needs beyond that amount may be met through the provision of services paid for by the agency. Provisions for exceeding the maximum payments, particularly in cases requiring medical care, were made in some States. Other measures adopted by some States to ease, for recipients, the burden of wartime living costs took the form of increasing the percent of need met or raising standards for requirements.

*Few legislative changes affected programs.*—In addition to the statutory removal or upward revision of maximum payments mentioned earlier, some States liberalized certain eligibility requirements. In New Jersey the age limit for blind applicants was lowered from 21 to 18 years and the residence requirement was reduced to only a continuous year preceding application. Grandchildren are no longer legally responsible for the support of blind grandparents in that State. The same legislation repealed the prohibition against granting assistance to both of two blind persons married to each other, if the marriage took place after April 8, 1921, and one of the persons was blind at the time. These changes, however, did not noticeably influence the case load, since the year closed with a net decline for New Jersey.

Amendment to the Social Welfare Law in New York State broadening certain features of aid to the blind included a reduction in the residence requirements to 1 year immediately preceding application and permitted the receipt of blind assistance by recipients in private nursing homes. Among other legislative changes, the

Chart 2.—*Recipients of public assistance in the United States, January 1940–January 1945*

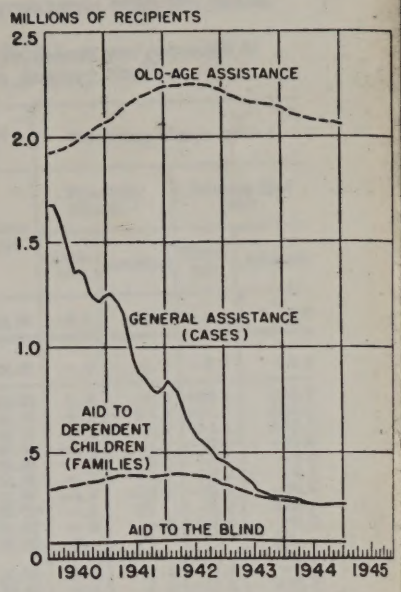



Table 3.—*Old-age assistance: Recipients and payments to recipients, by State, January 1945* [1]

| State | Number of recipients | Payments to recipients | | Percentage change from— | | | | State | Number of recipients | Payments to recipients | | Percentage change from— | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Total amount | Average | December 1944 in— | | January 1944 in— | | | | Total amount | Average | December 1944 in— | | January 1944 in— | |
| | | | | Number | Amount | Number | Amount | | | | | Number | Amount | Number | Amount |
| Total [2] | 2,059,201 | $58,736,811 | $28.52 | −0.3 | (3) | −3.6 | +2.5 | Mo | 101,418 | $2,325,292 | $22.93 | −0.7 | −0.2 | −4.0 | +3.7 |
| | | | | | | | | Mont | 10,861 | 327,870 | 30.19 | −.2 | +.6 | −5.4 | +2.1 |
| Ala | 30,961 | 493,543 | 15.94 | +.3 | +0.5 | +15.7 | +12.0 | Nebr | 24,574 | 690,302 | 28.09 | −.3 | +.6 | −6.0 | +3.2 |
| Alaska | 1,327 | 43,933 | 33.11 | −.7 | −.2 | −5.9 | +.1 | Nev | 1,951 | 74,769 | 38.32 | −.3 | −.3 | −3.6 | −2.1 |
| Ariz | 9,525 | 366,519 | 38.48 | (3) | (3) | −.9 | −.3 | N. H | 6,602 | 190,153 | 28.80 | −.3 | +.2 | −2.6 | +4.1 |
| Ark | 28,434 | 512,446 | 18.02 | +.4 | +1.1 | +7.4 | +20.4 | | | | | | | | |
| Calif | 157,943 | 7,471,020 | 47.30 | −.2 | −.1 | (3) | +.3 | N. J | 24,381 | 751,136 | 30.81 | −1.0 | −.3 | −6.4 | +5.1 |
| Colo | 40,953 [4] | 1,691,591 [5] | 41.31 | +.4 | +.4 | −1.2 | −.8 | N. Mex | 5,605 | 180,760 | 32.25 | +.7 | +.6 | +7.3 | +6.0 |
| Conn | 14,049 | 495,438 | 35.27 | −.6 | −.2 | −3.4 | +3.2 | N. Y | 105,535 | 3,731,768 | 35.36 | −.4 | +1.9 | −5.2 | +4.0 |
| Del | 1,407 | 21,127 | 15.02 | −1.2 | −.8 | −16.2 | −7.2 | N. C | 32,927 | 392,855 | 11.93 | −.3 | +.7 | −5.2 | +4.1 |
| D. C | 2,520 | 76,110 | 30.20 | −1.7 | −11.1 | −13.0 | −7.0 | N. Dak | 8,768 | 285,206 | 32.53 | +.2 | +1.3 | −2.5 | +22.8 |
| Fla | 39,894 | 1,140,576 | 28.59 | +.4 | +.5 | +1.4 | +66.7 | Ohio | 121,172 | 3,568,126 | 29.45 | −.8 | −.4 | −6.3 | −1.5 |
| | | | | | | | | Okla | 77,202 | 2,224,135 | 28.81 | +.1 | +.8 | +.1 | +12.1 |
| Ga | 67,287 | 754,892 | 11.22 | −.6 | −.3 | −5.5 | −.4 | Oreg | 19,824 | 686,382 | 34.62 | +.1 | +.4 | +1.6 | +15.9 |
| Hawaii | 1,443 | 32,142 | 22.27 | −.9 | −1.5 | −3.8 | +10.4 | Pa | 83,753 | 2,420,708 | 28.90 | −.4 | −.9 | −4.1 | −2.1 |
| Idaho | 9,746 | 294,852 | 30.25 | −.2 | −.3 | +.8 | +1.8 | R. I | 7,254 | 238,666 | 32.90 | +.5 | +.7 | −1.0 | +7.3 |
| Ill | 123,521 | 3,830,629 | 31.01 | −.4 | −.9 | −13.0 | −8.0 | | | | | | | | |
| Ind | 57,142 | 1,428,716 | 25.00 | −.6 | −.2 | −6.7 | −.6 | S. C | 21,374 | 298,176 | 13.95 | −.2 | (3) | +1.5 | +6.1 |
| Iowa | 50,203 | 1,538,880 | 30.65 | −.4 | +.5 | −4.8 | +8.7 | S. Dak | 12,860 | 309,686 | 24.08 | −.2 | +.1 | −4.8 | +4.8 |
| Kans | 28,314 | 818,077 | 28.89 | −.2 | −.6 | −3.2 | +2.0 | Tenn | 38,163 | 634,311 | 16.62 | −.4 | −.2 | −1.1 | +1.4 |
| Ky | 51,356 | 581,172 | 11.32 | −1.3 | −1.3 | −6.4 | (3) | Tex | 169,322 | 3,688,848 | 21.79 | −.2 | (3) | −4.9 | −1.5 |
| La | 36,429 | 817,620 | 22.44 | −.1 | +.4 | −1.5 | +4.6 | Utah | 13,102 | 484,883 | 37.01 | −.3 | −.3 | −3.8 | −2.8 |
| Maine | 14,938 | 430,202 | 28.80 | −.4 | +.4 | −2.9 | +11.3 | Vt | 5,234 | 111,943 | 21.39 | +3.0 | +5.8 | −2.1 | +6.0 |
| | | | | | | | | Va | 15,460 | 205,046 | 13.26 | −1.0 | −.3 | −7.9 | +2.9 |
| Md | 11,827 | 319,065 | 26.98 | −.9 | −.8 | −8.8 | +4.1 | Wash | 59,908 | 2,270,994 | 37.91 | −.2 | −.1 | −1.6 | −.4 |
| Mass | 75,437 | 3,114,096 | 41.28 | −.2 | −.3 | −2.9 | +1.8 | W. Va | 18,535 | 336,300 | 18.14 | −.6 | −.8 | −.4 | +5.3 |
| Mich | 85,034 | 2,551,404 | 30.00 | −.3 | +.1 | −2.5 | +2.6 | Wis | 46,047 | 1,309,348 | 28.44 | −.5 | (6) | −5.5 | +.4 |
| Minn | 55,979 | 1,643,079 | 29.35 | −.3 | +.1 | −4.7 | +1.1 | Wyo | 3,384 | 110,607 | 32.69 | +.3 | +.2 | +1.0 | +1.7 |
| Miss | 28,316 | 421,412 | 14.88 | −.5 | (3) | +11.7 | +72.7 | | | | | | | | |

[1] For definitions of terms, see the *Bulletin*, September 1941, pp. 50–51. All data subject to revision.
[2] All 51 States have plans approved by Social Security Board.
[3] Increase of less than 0.05 percent.
[4] Includes $89,444 for payments to 2,153 recipients aged 60 but under 65 years of age.
[5] In addition, each recipient received approximately $48 representing his share of the balance in the old-age assistance fund at the end of 1944.
[6] Decrease of less than 0.05 percent.

provision relating to the responsibility of other persons for the support of the applicant was changed to require support only from legally responsible relatives who are able and willing to support. New York had an almost continuous increase in case load for the year.

Enactments in Rhode Island included the elimination of the lower age limit for blind applicants.

In Virginia, residence requirements may now be waived for persons coming from States which enter into reciprocal agreements with the State.

Table 4.—*General assistance: Cases and payments to cases, by State, January 1945* [1]

| State | Number of cases | Payments to cases | | Percentage change from— | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Total amount | Average | December 1944 in— | | January 1944 in— | |
| | | | | Number | Amount | Number | Amount |
| Total [2] | 260,000 | $7,482,000 | $28.80 | +0.6 | +0.7 | −9.9 | −5.0 |
| Ala. | 3,057 | 44,042 | 14.41 | +2.1 | +2.3 | +20.5 | +33.4 |
| Alaska | 129 | 4,355 | 33.76 | +4.9 | +17.6 | 0 | +19.5 |
| Ariz. | 2,137 | 64,043 | 29.97 | +.6 | +1.2 | +.2 | +10.2 |
| Ark. [3] | 2,768 | 32,226 | 11.64 | −2.1 | −2.5 | −7.7 | +1.0 |
| Calif. | 11,635 | 419,961 | 36.09 | +3.0 | +1.9 | −3.0 | +13.9 |
| Colo. | 4,599 | 142,274 | 30.94 | −1.0 | +1.5 | −3.2 | +7.6 |
| Conn. | [4] 2,625 | [4] 88,205 | 33.60 | +.8 | −1.5 | −9.9 | −3.7 |
| Del. | 344 | 8,512 | 24.74 | +2.1 | +.5 | +3.3 | +7.4 |
| D. C. | 802 | 28,162 | 35.11 | −5.2 | −13.7 | −7.3 | +16.3 |
| Fla. | [5] 5,000 | [5] 42,000 | | | | | |
| Ga. | 2,729 | 34,225 | 12.54 | −6.4 | −11.3 | −8.3 | +9.4 |
| Hawaii | 547 | 16,715 | 30.56 | −2.7 | −2.0 | −7.1 | +9.1 |
| Idaho [6] | 626 | 12,873 | 20.56 | +2.3 | +2.2 | −3.7 | +6.4 |
| Ill. | 24,973 | 836,620 | 33.50 | −.5 | +2.1 | −25.4 | −17.6 |
| Ind. [7] | 6,114 | 140,910 | 23.05 | +3.5 | +11.3 | −17.7 | −5.6 |
| Iowa | 4,374 | 89,227 | 20.40 | +1.7 | +.6 | −22.5 | −17.2 |
| Kans. | 3,379 | 96,680 | 28.61 | +.9 | +2.3 | −16.7 | −8.1 |
| Ky. | [5] 1,600 | [5] 23,000 | | | | | |
| La. | 6,720 | 118,244 | 17.60 | +3.2 | +3.0 | +13.6 | −4.9 |
| Maine | 2,075 | 70,012 | 33.74 | +3.2 | +9.6 | −14.7 | +1.7 |
| Md. | 4,594 | 155,486 | 33.85 | +.6 | −.5 | +3.6 | +21.9 |
| Mass. | 12,692 | 421,502 | 33.21 | (8) | −4.8 | −14.4 | −6.4 |
| Mich. | 10,525 | 354,393 | 33.67 | +2.6 | +2.1 | −4.9 | +9.3 |
| Minn. | 5,814 | 165,036 | 28.39 | +1.1 | +2.6 | −16.2 | −8.4 |
| Miss. | 302 | 2,249 | 7.45 | −3.5 | −2.5 | −23.2 | −7.4 |
| Mo. [9] | 8,126 | 205,353 | 25.27 | −3.2 | −13.0 | +22.7 | +26.7 |
| Mont. | 1,242 | 30,690 | 24.71 | +.1 | +3.8 | −6.4 | +4.2 |
| Nebr. | 1,589 | 33,604 | 21.15 | −7.9 | −9.0 | −23.1 | −8.9 |
| Nev. | 239 | 4,339 | 18.15 | −.4 | −1.4 | −9.1 | −4.2 |
| N. H. | 1,304 | 37,975 | 29.12 | +.2 | +2.1 | −24.5 | −20.8 |
| N. J. [7] | 4,905 | 162,813 | 33.19 | −.4 | −2.4 | −32.4 | −25.7 |
| N. Mex. [9] | 1,083 | 22,740 | 21.00 | +3.6 | +6.9 | +44.2 | +169.8 |
| N. Y. | [10] 38,711 | 1,776,407 | 45.89 | +.3 | +1.2 | −24.7 | −16.8 |
| N. C. | 2,556 | 26,373 | 10.31 | −9.8 | −1.2 | −10.7 | +3.6 |
| N. Dak. | 684 | 16,796 | 24.56 | −1.2 | +8.3 | −21.3 | −6.1 |
| Ohio | 11,735 | 339,087 | 28.90 | +2.0 | +2.0 | −8.3 | +3.4 |
| Okla. | [11] 4,963 | 42,183 | (11) | (11) | +12.5 | (11) | +6.5 |
| Oreg. | 3,539 | 136,267 | 38.50 | +1.5 | +3.4 | +22.0 | +43.0 |
| Pa. | 20,787 | 500,903 | 24.10 | +.3 | (8) | −17.4 | −6.0 |
| R. I. | 1,876 | 68,353 | 36.44 | +.7 | +7.0 | +5.2 | −2.1 |
| S. C. | 2,639 | 28,518 | 10.81 | +.2 | +.4 | +5.0 | +7.0 |
| S. Dak. | 871 | 19,894 | 22.84 | −5.0 | +2.0 | −20.7 | −7.6 |
| Tenn. | [5] 1,400 | [5] 11,000 | | | | | |
| Tex. | [5] 3,100 | [5] 46,000 | | | | | |
| Utah | 1,460 | 58,154 | 39.83 | +.6 | +1.4 | −6.9 | −4.4 |
| Vt. | 943 | 22,469 | 23.83 | +2.2 | +6.5 | −17.1 | −1.8 |
| Va. | 3,170 | 48,397 | 15.27 | +2.0 | +5.6 | −11.7 | +.8 |
| Wash. | 15,176 | 288,378 | 19.00 | +3.2 | +2.1 | +144.3 | +28.2 |
| W. Va. | 4,936 | 88,241 | 17.88 | +.8 | +3.2 | +25.2 | +57.1 |
| Wis. | 5,041 | 132,331 | 26.25 | +2.8 | −1.0 | −21.7 | −15.9 |
| Wyo. | 367 | 10,632 | 28.97 | +6.1 | +10.3 | −10.5 | −1.4 |

[1] For definitions of terms, see the *Bulletin*, September 1941, pp. 50–51. All data subject to revision.

[2] Partly estimated; does not represent sum of State figures, because total excludes estimated number of cases and payments for medical care, hospitalization, and burial only in Indiana and New Jersey, and estimated duplication of cases in Oklahoma.

[3] State program only; excludes program administered by local officials.

[4] Based on actual reports for approximately 95 percent of cases and payments.

[5] Estimated.

[6] Excludes assistance in kind and cases receiving assistance in kind only and, for a few counties, cash payments and cases receiving cash payments. Amount of payments shown represents approximately 60 percent of total.

[7] Includes unknown number of cases receiving medical care, hospitalization, and burial only, and total payments for these services.

[8] Increase of less than 0.05 percent.

[9] Excludes a few cases and a small amount of local funds not administered by the State agency.

[10] Includes cases receiving medical care only; number believed by State agency to be insignificant.

[11] Represents 1,849 cases aided by county commissioners and 3,114 cases aided under program administered by State Board of Public Welfare; amount of duplication believed to be large; average per case and percentage change in number of cases cannot be computed.

Table 5.—*Aid to the blind: Recipients and payments to recipients, by State, January 1945* [1]

| State | Number of recipients | Payments to recipients | | Percentage change from— | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Total amount | Average | December 1944 in— | | January 1944 in— | |
| | | | | Number | Amount | Number | Amount |
| Total [2] | 72,145 | $2,120,578 | $29.39 | −0.2 | +0.1 | −2.0 | +2.9 |
| Total, 46 States [2 3] | 56,241 | 1,660,939 | 29.53 | −.2 | +.2 | −2.2 | +4.3 |
| Ala. | 751 | 12,266 | 16.33 | +.4 | +.4 | +10.8 | +19.7 |
| Ariz. | 436 | 19,794 | 45.40 | +.2 | +1.4 | +11.8 | +34.3 |
| Ark. | 1,252 | 25,210 | 20.14 | +.5 | +.9 | +4.8 | +15.4 |
| Calif. | [4] 5,621 | [4] 267,628 | 47.61 | −1.0 | −.7 | −10.6 | −10.0 |
| Colo. | 497 | 18,034 | 36.29 | −1.2 | −1.0 | −8.5 | −6.2 |
| Conn. [3] | 135 | 4,612 | 34.16 | +.7 | +1.6 | +3.8 | +9.2 |
| D. C. | 218 | 7,406 | 33.97 | −1.8 | −11.2 | −12.4 | −14.9 |
| Fla. | 2,277 | 67,648 | 29.71 | −.1 | (5) | −3.8 | +51.7 |
| Ga. | 2,071 | 29,149 | 14.07 | −.6 | −.3 | −4.6 | −1.2 |
| Hawaii | 66 | 1,620 | 24.55 | (6) | (6) | (6) | (6) |
| Idaho | 214 | 6,812 | 31.83 | +.5 | +.4 | −7.4 | −4.7 |
| Ill. | 5,238 | 171,179 | 32.68 | +.1 | +.3 | +11.0 | +18.6 |
| Ind. | 2,111 | 63,282 | 29.98 | −1.3 | −1.9 | −7.2 | −8.2 |
| Iowa | 1,295 | 42,302 | 32.67 | −1.1 | −.8 | −9.5 | −6.3 |
| Kans. | 1,072 | 33,075 | 30.85 | −.4 | −1.6 | −8.7 | −3.6 |
| Ky. | 1,617 | 20,938 | 12.95 | −.2 | −.5 | +8.4 | +13.6 |
| La. | 1,404 | 36,450 | 25.96 | −.2 | +.4 | −4.3 | −2.4 |
| Maine | 830 | 24,412 | 29.41 | −.7 | +.4 | −8.0 | +3.9 |
| Md. | 447 | 13,531 | 30.27 | −.9 | +.1 | −3.9 | +6.4 |
| Mass. | 955 | 40,529 | 42.44 | +.5 | +1.0 | 0 | +10.1 |
| Mich. | 1,252 | 42,313 | 33.80 | +.1 | +.3 | −1.4 | +2.2 |
| Minn. | 936 | 34,113 | 36.45 | +.5 | +2.1 | −2.3 | +8.8 |
| Miss. | 1,452 | 27,943 | 19.24 | +.3 | +14.5 | +5.9 | +80.1 |
| Mo. | [7] *5,000* | [7] *75,000* | | | | | |
| Mont. | 315 | 10,012 | 31.78 | +1.3 | +3.7 | +5.0 | +12.5 |
| Nebr. | 459 | 12,099 | 26.36 | −1.1 | −.5 | −21.0 | −16.1 |
| Nev. | *27* | *1,158* | (6) | (6) | (6) | (6) | (6) |
| N. H. | 272 | 8,166 | 30.02 | −1.8 | −.4 | −5.2 | +3.9 |
| N. J. | 547 | 17,437 | 31.88 | +.7 | +1.9 | −7.0 | +4.9 |
| N. Mex. | 252 | 7,411 | 29.41 | −2.3 | −2.5 | −3.8 | −3.4 |
| N. Y. | 2,900 | 111,451 | 38.43 | +.1 | +.9 | +5.8 | +20.2 |
| N. C. | 2,288 | 39,319 | 17.18 | +.1 | +.7 | +1.5 | +9.4 |
| N. Dak. | 119 | 3,902 | 32.79 | +1.7 | +8.1 | −7.8 | +14.9 |
| Ohio | 3,092 | 82,215 | 26.59 | −.3 | (5) | −6.9 | (6) |
| Okla. | 1,859 | 58,383 | 31.41 | −.1 | +.1 | −4.4 | +5.8 |
| Oreg. | 378 | 17,151 | 45.37 | +.8 | +2.7 | 0 | +21.0 |
| Pa. | *12,877* | *383,481* | *29.78* | −.5 | −.6 | *−1.9* | *−1.9* |
| R. I. | 94 | 2,798 | 29.77 | (6) | (6) | (6) | (6) |
| S. C. | 896 | 17,863 | 19.94 | +1.0 | +2.0 | +7.8 | +24.4 |
| S. Dak. | 213 | 4,676 | 21.95 | +.9 | +1.3 | −10.5 | +4.9 |
| Tenn. | 1,538 | 31,000 | 20.16 | −.3 | (5) | −.6 | +.5 |
| Tex. | 4,629 | 112,169 | 24.23 | +.1 | +.2 | −.5 | −1.5 |
| Utah | 129 | 5,234 | 40.57 | +4.0 | +3.0 | −3.0 | −3.2 |
| Vt. | 153 | 4,372 | 28.58 | 0 | 0 | +4.8 | +14.6 |
| Va. | 964 | 16,831 | 17.46 | +.3 | +1.0 | −1.8 | +13.2 |
| Wash. | 602 | 23,702 | 39.37 | −1.1 | −.9 | −14.9 | −12.3 |
| W. Va. | 817 | 18,137 | 22.20 | −.1 | −1.2 | −4.2 | −2.8 |
| Wis. | 1,462 | 41,965 | 28.70 | −.3 | −.2 | −9.1 | −3.0 |
| Wyo. | 116 | 4,400 | 37.93 | −1.7 | −1.8 | −7.2 | −2.9 |

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[2] Excludes programs administered without Federal participation in States administering such programs concurrently with programs under the Social Security Act.

[3] Total under plans approved by Social Security Board.

[4] Includes $12,107 for payments to 244 recipients receiving aid to partially self-supporting blind.

[5] Decrease of less than 0.05 percent.

[6] Not computed. Average payment not calculated on base of less than 50 recipients; percentage change, on less than 100 recipients.

[7] Estimated.

[8] Increase of less than 0.05 percent.

## Table 6.—*Aid to dependent children: Recipients and payments to recipients, by State, January 1945* [1]

| State | Number of recipients | | Payment to recipients | | Percentage change from— | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | December 1944 in— | | | January 1944 in— | | |
| | | | | | Number of— | | Amount | Number of— | | Amount |
| | Families | Children | Total amount | Average per family | Families | Children | | Families | Children | |
| Total [3] | 254,728 | 642,116 | $11,635,258 | $45.68 | +0.4 | +0.5 | +0.6 | −5.5 | −4.4 | +3.4 |
| Total, 49 States [2 3] | 254,622 | 641,892 | 11,631,518 | 45.68 | +.4 | +.5 | +.6 | −5.5 | −4.4 | +3.4 |
| Alabama | 5,002 | 13,788 | 126,879 | 25.37 | +1.3 | +1.1 | +2.1 | +9.5 | +9.9 | +23.6 |
| Alaska | *34* | *101* | *1,770* | (4) | (4) | (4) | (4) | (4) | (4) | (4) |
| Arizona | 1,410 | 4,022 | 54,525 | 38.67 | +.2 | +.6 | +1.2 | −4.1 | −4.4 | −1.4 |
| Arkansas | 4,742 | 12,470 | 135,508 | 28.58 | −.2 | −.7 | +.4 | −3.1 | −1.9 | +9.0 |
| California | 6,390 | 16,232 | 508,774 | 79.62 | +.7 | +.4 | +1.2 | −7.6 | −7.0 | +4.2 |
| Colorado | 3,339 | 9,027 | 121,137 | 36.28 | −.3 | −.2 | −.1 | −7.4 | −6.0 | −5.2 |
| Connecticut | 1,913 | 4,882 | 144,878 | 75.73 | +.2 | +.6 | −.3 | +6.2 | +5.4 | +17.8 |
| Delaware | 263 | 734 | 17,614 | 66.97 | +1.5 | +2.4 | +.8 | +3.1 | +5.3 | +29.0 |
| District of Columbia | 565 | 1,795 | 31,880 | 56.42 | +2.0 | +1.5 | −8.8 | −10.3 | −8.3 | +13.6 |
| Florida [2] | 4,594 | 11,232 | 152,554 | 33.21 | +3.7 | +3.8 | +3.7 | +62.3 | +73.1 | +99.8 |
| Georgia | 4,007 | 9,935 | 98,902 | 24.68 | −.3 | (5) | −.4 | −3.7 | −1.7 | −2.9 |
| Hawaii | 518 | 1,598 | 29,450 | 56.85 | −1.0 | −1.1 | −1.4 | −11.9 | −12.8 | −5.0 |
| Idaho | 1,270 | 3,510 | 47,409 | 37.33 | +.4 | 0 | (6) | −22.9 | −21.7 | −22.0 |
| Illinois | 19,654 | 46,984 | 965,592 | 49.13 | +.8 | +.7 | +1.4 | −15.1 | −12.6 | +28.4 |
| Indiana | 6,564 | 14,991 | 233,753 | 35.61 | −1.4 | −1.4 | −1.0 | −21.0 | −18.9 | −16.8 |
| Iowa | 3,096 | 7,689 | 84,068 | 27.15 | +.8 | +1.1 | +.8 | +40.4 | +38.9 | +42.0 |
| Kansas | 3,019 | 7,620 | 146,214 | 48.43 | −.5 | −.6 | +.2 | −22.0 | −22.1 | −16.9 |
| Kentucky [3] | 4,771 | 12,839 | 104,294 | 21.86 | +.9 | +1.9 | +.5 | +47.1 | +41.2 | +44.7 |
| Louisiana | 9,234 | 23,776 | 347,471 | 37.63 | +.1 | +.3 | +1.9 | −12.6 | −11.8 | −13.0 |
| Maine | 1,302 | 3,680 | 78,801 | 60.52 | +.4 | +.3 | +1.6 | −11.4 | −11.5 | +5.3 |
| Maryland | 2,800 | 8,034 | 104,948 | 37.48 | +1.4 | +2.3 | +1.1 | −7.7 | −7.1 | −3.3 |
| Massachusetts | 7,118 | 17,536 | 557,375 | 78.31 | +1.6 | +1.5 | +1.1 | −3.1 | −3.1 | +2.6 |
| Michigan | 12,501 | 30,136 | 751,721 | 60.13 | (5) | +.1 | +.1 | −6.8 | −5.9 | −6.3 |
| Minnesota | 4,993 | 12,490 | 206,223 | 41.30 | −.2 | +.2 | +.3 | −14.1 | −12.6 | −9.8 |
| Mississippi | 2,909 | 7,461 | 75,236 | 25.86 | +.6 | +1.0 | +.7 | +7.4 | +8.8 | +35.0 |
| Missouri | 10,758 | 27,308 | 359,005 | 33.37 | −.2 | +.2 | +.2 | −4.1 | −.1 | −1.1 |
| Montana | 1,313 | 3,290 | 44,792 | 34.11 | −.8 | −.6 | −.8 | −14.2 | −12.8 | −10.9 |
| Nebraska [2] | 2,394 | 5,553 | 78,322 | 32.72 | −1.2 | −1.5 | −1.4 | −22.5 | −22.3 | −22.1 |
| Nevada | *72* | *123* | *1,970* | *27.36* | (4) | (4) | (4) | (4) | (4) | (4) |
| New Hampshire | 703 | 1,736 | 43,841 | 62.36 | 0 | +.3 | +10.1 | −2.0 | −5.8 | +8.9 |
| New Jersey | 3,453 | 8,508 | 191,605 | 55.49 | −2.0 | −1.6 | +.4 | −17.8 | −15.3 | +1.3 |
| New Mexico | 2,262 | 6,400 | 91,461 | 40.43 | +2.8 | +2.3 | +2.4 | +2.6 | +.2 | +18.0 |
| New York | 18,711 | 43,558 | 1,397,134 | 74.67 | +.5 | +.7 | +1.4 | +2.4 | +5.7 | +15.6 |
| North Carolina | 6,184 | 15,509 | 143,421 | 23.19 | +.1 | +1.1 | +1.4 | −9.5 | −5.7 | +6.1 |
| North Dakota | 1,514 | 4,158 | 79,290 | 52.37 | +.2 | +.6 | +2.9 | −13.4 | −14.1 | +11.3 |
| Ohio | 7,643 | 20,599 | 410,218 | 53.67 | +.1 | +.3 | −.1 | −11.6 | −11.0 | −3.9 |
| Oklahoma | 14,503 | 34,393 | 482,698 | 33.28 | +1.3 | +.9 | +.8 | +4.4 | +3.6 | +8.5 |
| Oregon | 1,204 | 2,932 | 93,468 | 77.63 | 0 | +.4 | +.4 | −.5 | +1.1 | +17.3 |
| Pennsylvania | 21,711 | 57,733 | 1,211,712 | 55.81 | +.5 | +.8 | −.9 | −15.6 | −14.4 | −10.2 |
| Rhode Island | 1,169 | 3,058 | 79,440 | 67.96 | +2.2 | +2.6 | +2.4 | +3.6 | +1.1 | +8.5 |
| South Carolina | 3,539 | 10,352 | 84,802 | 23.96 | +1.9 | −.2 | +2.4 | +3.2 | +1.2 | +11.1 |
| South Dakota | 1,453 | 3,393 | 47,646 | 32.79 | −.7 | −1.1 | −1.2 | −7.4 | −7.7 | −3.5 |
| Tennessee | 11,017 | 28,683 | 341,458 | 30.99 | +.4 | +.3 | +.4 | −3.8 | −2.5 | +3.0 |
| Texas | 10,798 | 23,588 | 225,051 | 20.84 | +.5 | +.7 | +.5 | +8.7 | +7.0 | +6.5 |
| Utah | 1,851 | 4,950 | 134,488 | 72.66 | +.3 | +.8 | +.2 | −2.5 | −2.9 | +3.3 |
| Vermont | 549 | 1,395 | 18,690 | 34.04 | +.4 | −.6 | (6) | −5.0 | −5.2 | −1.9 |
| Virginia | 3,510 | 9,963 | 98,412 | 28.04 | −.1 | −.2 | +.4 | −8.2 | −8.0 | +5.2 |
| Washington | 3,322 | 8,175 | 285,061 | 85.81 | +1.1 | +.8 | +1.7 | +2.0 | +2.5 | +9.9 |
| West Virginia | 6,827 | 19,072 | 225,623 | 33.05 | (5) | +.3 | (5) | −6.3 | −3.4 | −.2 |
| Wisconsin | 5,958 | 14,307 | 324,224 | 54.42 | −.6 | −.4 | +.5 | −14.9 | −15.1 | −6.0 |
| Wyoming | 302 | 818 | 14,450 | 47.85 | −1.0 | −.1 | +.4 | −24.9 | −24.5 | −17.3 |

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